HOUSE BILL 99

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, relative to criminal offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

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- (A) Assault under subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor.
 - (B) Assault under subdivision (a)(3) is a Class B misdemeanor.
- (C) Assault under subdivisions (a)(1) or (a)(2) is a Class E felony if the victim is a law enforcement officer, emergency medical or rescue worker, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter who the person knows or has reason to know is engaged in the performance of official duties.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102(e)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1)

- (A) Aggravated assault subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class C felony.
- (B) Aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class B felony if the victim is a law enforcement officer, emergency medical or rescue worker, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter who the person knows or has reason to know is engaged in the performance of official duties.
 - (C) Aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(1)(B) is a Class D felony.

- (D) Aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(1)(B) is a Class C felony if the victim is a law enforcement officer, emergency medical or rescue worker, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter who the person knows or has reason to know is engaged in the performance of official duties, then the offense is a Class C felony;
 - (E) Aggravated assault under subsections (b) or (c) is a Class C felony.
 - (F) Aggravated assault under subsection (d) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-210, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c)

- (1) Second degree murder is a Class A felony.
- (2) Second degree murder is a Class A felony with a minimum mandatory sentence of twenty (20) years if the victim of the offense is a law enforcement officer, emergency medical or rescue worker, emergency medical technician, paramedic, or firefighter who the person knows or has reason to know is engaged in the performance of official duties.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all offenses committed on or after such date.